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POLICE INVESTIGATE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING IN LAKE MURRAY NEIGHBORHOOD

(San Diego) San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating an officer involved shooting that resulted in the death of a 64-year-old male.

Yesterday at about 9:20 p.m., officers received a radio call of "shots fired" at the 6200 block of Lake Atlin Avenue. The suspect, described as an older white male, contacted a home owner on that street and asked him if he was a police officer. A brief argument ensued, at which point the suspect produced a handgun and pointed it at the male victim. The victim responded by slamming his front door on the armed suspect. The suspect then fired three gunshots into the front of the victim's house. The suspect immediately fled in a dark colored mini van. Responding officers located the suspect's vehicle in the driveway of 6255 Lake Ariana Avenue, approximately one block away from the attack. Further investigation revealed that the suspect lived at the Lake Ariana address. Officers established a perimeter around the suspect's home and attempted to negotiate his surrender. After about 30 minutes, the suspect exited the house and pointed a handgun at officers. The suspect then shot at the officers who were positioned in the side yard. Fearing for their lives, or the lives of others, multiple police officers returned fire on the suspect. The suspect was struck multiple times and died at the scene.

The early investigation has revealed that the original victim is a deputy employed by the San Diego Sheriff's Department. His name is being withheld pending departmental notification. The deceased suspect has been identified, but the release of his name is pending the notification of family members.

The names of the involved SDPD officers will be released in the near future. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to call the Homicide Unit at (619) 531-2293 or Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-TIPS.

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